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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 July 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 14-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 14-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to the Amendment filed on 11 July 2007.
2. Claims 14 – 18 are newly added. Claims 1 – 9 and 14 – 18 are pending and are considered below.

Response to Amendment

3. The rejections of claims 1 – 5 under 35 U.S.C § 101 in the last Office Action have been withdrawn.
4. Claims 6 – 9 are still rejected under 35 U.S.C § 101 (see below).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed on 11 July 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the "Office Action contends that the set-up driver information meets the recited template, and the property information of Machida meets the scenario" and that Machida fails to disclose or suggest a template of a scenario.

However, Machida's property information actually reads on the data corresponding to the parameters of the template. What reads on the scenario is the updated driver, updated in accordance with the property information. The template of a scenario is represented by Machida's (not-yet-updated) driver.

Note that a template of a scenario, in light of the specification, is a file able to incorporate some data in order to produce another file (scenario). Similarly, Machida's

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driver (template of a scenario) incorporates some data (property information) and produces an updated driver (scenario).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

6. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

7. Claims 6 – 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 6 – 9 are directed to a “processor readable medium” which, in accordance with Applicant’s specification, may be “a transmission medium” (page 24, line 9-11). This subject matter is not limited to that which falls within a statutory category of invention because it is not limited to a process, a machine, a manufacture, or a composition of matter. Instead, it includes a form of energy, which does not fall within a statutory category.

Amending the claims to recite a ‘processor readable recording medium’ would overcome this rejection in a manner consistent with Applicant’s specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

8. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent

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granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

9. Claims 1 – 9, and 14 – 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Machida (US PGPub 2002/0083131).

Claim 1:

Machida discloses a software-installing method for installing software in a computer so as to use one of a plurality of printing devices connected the computer through a network (see [0004]), the method comprising the steps of:

acquiring a template of a scenario which is a file describing procedures for installing the software, the template including parameters ("acquires driver setup information", [0051], see also FIG. 2, item s202);

acquiring data corresponding to the parameters("property information list is transmitted to a pc", [0064] – [0066], see also FIG. 2, steps s204 - s206) by searching an installation database ("property information may be stored in a registry", [0053]), and wherein said searching is processed by said computer, based on said computer or a user of said computer ("driver information structure includes a PC name, ..., a user name, ...", [0052], FIG. 3 and related text);

and producing the scenario which is specific to said computer by incorporating the acquired data into the parameters of said template ("update the driver in accordance with the acquired property information ", [0073], see FIG. 2, step s208 and FIG. 7, step s607).

Claim 2:

Machida discloses the software-installing method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of inputting the produced scenario to an installation program (see [0073], [0096]-[0097]).

Claim 3:

Machida discloses the software-installing method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of acquiring the data corresponding to the parameters from the installation database located outside said computer ("managed in a centralized fashion by the server device") (see [0074]).

Claim 4:

Machida discloses the software-installing method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of acquiring data regarding print setting information as data for said parameters from said installation database (see [0096]).

Claim 5:

Machida discloses a software-installing method for installing software computers so as to use a plurality of printing devices connected the computers through a network ([004]), the method comprising the steps of:

producing a template of a scenario which is a file describing procedures for installing the software, the template including parameters, and providing said template to each of said computers (see [0068] and figure 7, [0095] and figure 23);

and producing scenarios, specific to each of said computers, based on the produced template (see [0073], [0096]-[0097]).

Claim 6:

Machida discloses a processor readable medium storing program code means for causing a computer to install therein software to use one of a plurality of printing devices connected the computer through a network ([004]), the medium comprising:

program code means for acquiring a template of a scenario which is a file describing procedures for installing the software, the template including parameters ("acquires driver setup information", [0051], see also FIG. 2, item s202);

program code means for acquiring data corresponding to the parameters contained in the template ("property information list is transmitted to a pc", [0066], see also FIG. 2, item s206) by searching an installation database ("property information may be stored in a registry", [0053]), and wherein said searching is based on said computer or a user of said computer ("driver information structure includes a PC name, ..., a user name, ...", [0052], FIG. 3 and related text);

and program code means for producing the scenario which is specific to said computer by incorporating the acquired data into the parameters of said template ("update the driver in accordance with the acquired property information", [0073]).

Claim 7:

Machida discloses the processor readable medium as claimed in claim 6, further comprising program code means for inputting the produced scenario to an installation program (see [0073], [0096]-[0097]).

Claim 8:

Machida discloses the processor readable medium as claimed in claim 6, further comprising program code means for acquiring the data corresponding to the parameters

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from the installation-database located outside said computer ("managed in a centralized fashion by the server device") (see [0074]).

Claim 9:

Machida discloses the processor readable medium as claimed in claim 6, further comprising program code means for acquiring data regarding print setting information as data for said parameters from said installation database (see [0096]).

Claims 14 – 18:

Claims 14 – 18 are similar in scope and content to claims 1 – 5 and are rejected with the same rationale.

Conclusion

10. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samuel G. Neway whose telephone number is 571-270-1058. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30AM - 5:30PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David R Hudspeth can be reached on 571-272-7843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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